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SUBJECT: NATIONAL SURVEY OF NON-HUMAN PRIMATES IN INDIA

REF: DR. BLOOD'S CABLE OF AUGUST 31

1. WE HAVE ADVISED THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY(DOST) ABOUT THE WILLINGNESS OF DRS. SOUTHWICK, LINDBERG AND WILSON TO SERVE AS U.S. CONSULTANTS ON THE SUBJECT SURVEY AND ALSO THAT THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PROPOSED PLANNING MEETING TO BE HELD IN DELHI STARTING NOVEMBER 21, 1977. DOST HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT DR. GERARD BERTRAND WILL ACT AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST FOR THE PROGRAM. WE DO NOT FORESEE ANY PROBLEM WITH HIS PARTICIPATION. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT DR. BLOOD WILL ACCOMPANY THE TEAM. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIS PARTICIPATION SINCE HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAM RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING.

- 2. THE EMBASSY HAS ALSO INQUIRED FROM DOST ABOUT THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR SUPPORTING THE TRAVEL OF OTHER THAN U.S. FOREIGN CONSULTANTS ON THE PROGRAM. DOST DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THE OTHER FOREIGN CONSULTANTS WILL NEED FUNDING AND WILL BE MAKING SOUNDINGS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
- 3. DR. SHARMA OF DOST TOLD THE SCIATT THAT DOST WILL BE SENDING A FORMAL LETTER TO THE EMBASSY REQUESTING OUR UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTICIPATION AS SOON AS CLEARANCES FROM ALL THE CONCERNED MINISTRIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. THIS LETTER, SHE SAID, CAN BE THE BASIS FOR A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DOST AND NIH.

4. WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE MATTER AND REPORT ANY

DEVELOPMENTS WHEN THEY OCCUR.GOHEEN

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